

**North Dakota Mental Health Planning Council
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
January 18-19, 2007**

Voting Members Present: Drinda Olsen, JoAnne Hoesel, Deb Johnson, Diane Kleven, Carlotta McCleary, Randy Solem, Petra Clemens, Jennifer Bitz, Susan Helgeland, Deborah Sederquest, Sheri McMahon, Yvonne Smith, Carl Rodlund, Becky Severt

Voting Members Absent: Ken Sorenson, Ken Gerhardt, Maggie Anderson, Cheryl Kulas, Karen Quick, Teresa Larsen, Minerva Zimmerman, Cathy Quintaine

Ex Officio Members Present: Tim Sauter

Ex Officio Members Absent: Alex Schweitzer

Staff Present: Lauren Sauer, Carla Kessel, Mariah Tenamoc, Maria Gokim, Susan Wagner

Welcome and Announcements: Jennifer Bitz welcomed members. No announcements were made.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of the Minutes: "Eight people from the Department" to be added to the minutes. Dianne moved, Deborah Sederquest seconded. No quorum so approval of the minutes was deferred.

Reports from the Division: JoAnne Hoesel reviewed the Department's budget and updated the Council on the Appropriations hearing. She reported that she, Jennifer Bitz, and Randy visited with the Governor's office concerning activities of the Council. The meeting went well and the Governor's Office was receptive to the information provided. Susan Helgeland noted that if Healthy Steps goes to 200 percent of poverty, Blue Cross would also increase the Caring Program.

Lauren Sauer reported that the Division is in the process of implementing tighter controls over the PATH Program including the development of an operational manual, enhancing data collection, and strengthening fiscal and programmatic oversight. Lauren noted that the Aging and Mental Health project remains on schedule. Natural caregivers are being trained. This will conclude in March. Lauren reported that an RFP was released by Aging Services Division to provide guardianship services to 12 individuals who do not qualify for DD case management. Lauren reported that the Mental Health Recovery project continues. All regional human service center extended care staff should be trained by the end of next month. Lauren provided an update concerning the Legislative Update. Lauren reviewed the Council's expenditures for the current biennium.

Carla Kessel reported on the web page. She received a cost estimate of \$928 to develop the site. The link for the site would be on the Department's web site. Carla recommended that the Chair put together a committee to identify and nominate two youth members for the Council. Carlotta McCleary volunteered to be in the committee, Jennifer Bitz and Sheri McMahon volunteered as well. Lauren Sauer will check with the Governor's Office concerning the feasibility of this plan.

Carl Rodlund asked about secretarial support. JoAnne noted that, unless there is a task that would require a large amount of time, the Division staff would continue to perform this function.

Susan Wagner provided an update concerning the IDDT project at Southeast Human Service Center. Susan updated the Council regarding the Rule CPC sex offender treatment program. Four sites are up and running across the state. Individual, group and family therapy is provided. They are looking to expand to other communities. There are 22 offenders in treatment now. Risk level is determined by the probation officer, state hospital, prison. She reported that there is a recruitment and retention activity within the Department. Susan is developing fact sheets concerning suicide prevention. She is working with UND to apply for a TBI planning grant. Drinda Olsen noted that the Health Department has developed a number of fact sheets concerning injury prevention, including suicide. Susan requested support from the Council for an application for financial assistance from SAMHSA for state coalitions to promote community-based care.

Susan Helgeland noted that Senator Mattern will be introducing a resolution to study the collocation of the state hospital and the prison.

Carlotta McCleary asked if there were any bills that the Council could take a position on. Carl Rodlund asked who on the Council is in a position to testify on behalf of the Council. It was suggested that the Council implement a legislative committee that would monitor legislation and testify if needed.

JoAnne Hoesel reported that the Division has contracted to provide counselor certification for compulsive gambling treatment.

Yvonne Smith noted that transitioning youth from children's services to the adult system is of concern. She noted that a majority of the people entering the Developmental Center are between the ages of 18 and 25.

Other Business: Carlotta McCleary moved to support the legislation that was discussed (drug utilization, CHIPS, collocation of the state hospital and prison), Deb Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Diane Kleven reported that the Governor's Office rejected her son's application to the Council. She has contacted the Governor's Office asking for it to be reconsidered. She has asked the Council support his appointment and contact the Governor's Office concerning this. It was also suggested that the Council ensure that all regions of the state are covered by membership. Randy Solem suggested that the Council consider adding Native American representation on the Council. Perhaps sending letters to Tribal chairmen requesting membership suggestions. Diane noted that the VR Council gives plaques for years of service over six and certificates for under six years.

Legislation Committee Membership: Randy Solem, Jennifer Bitz, Susan Helgeland, Carlotta McCleary, Sheri McMahon

Youth Committee Membership: Carlotta McCleary, Becky Severt, Jennifer Bitz, Sheri McMahon

Deb Johnson will provide info regarding youth involvement on planning councils in other states and send it to Carlotta.

Next Meeting: April 19 – 20, 2007 at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck.

- Approval of the web site
- Youth on the Council

- Membership recognition
- Recruitment and retention of Council members

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